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FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVENTS PAST WEEK WITH COMMENT
ON SITUATION MORNING 14 MARCH

1. MARCH 8 OCCURRED FIRST ANTI-NVN/VC DEMONSTRATIONS SVAY RIENG
PROVINCE DURING WHICH NUMBER WEAPONS SEIZED.

2. MARCH 11 OCCURED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST AND SACKING OF
DRVN AND PRG CHANCERIES AND SOME HOUSES WITH FOUR NORTH VIET-
NAMESE REPORTEDLY HOSPITALIZED (THE EMBASSIES HAD APPARENTLY
BEEN WARNED AND PRG ONE WAS WISELY UNOCCUPIED).

3. MARCH 11 AND FOLLOWING DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL ANTI-
NVN/VC DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED BY RKG IN NUMBERS OF PROVINCES:
KAMPOT, KAMPONG SPEU, BATTAMBANG, TAKEO, KAMPONG THOM, KAMPONG
CHAMRANG, PURSAT.

4. JOINT RESOLUTION BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL OF KINGDOM
OF MARCH 11.

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A. COMPLETELY SUPPORTING DEMONSTRATIONS.

B. REQUESTING RKG TAKE MEASURES REAFFIRM TO DRV AND PRG CAMBODIA'S NEUTRAL POLICY.

C. REQUESTING RKG TAKE DRACONIAN AND URGENT MEASURES IN ORDER DEFEND NATIONAL TERRITORY, EVEN IF NECESSARY INCREASE ARMED FORCES.

5. PRINCE SIHANOUK'S REACTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN VIOLENT AND HAVE INCLUDED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE USG.

6. STRONG NOTES FROM THE RKG TO THE DRVN AND PRG EMBASSIES, EXPRESSING REGRET SACKINGS BUT PULLING NO PUNCHES AS TO RESPONSIBILITY AND DEMANDING WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS BY DAWN 15 MARCH.

7. DECISION, STILL TO BE APPROVED BY SIHANOUK, TO INCREASE ARMED FORCES BY 10,000.

8. PRESS CONFERENCE BY FIRST DEPUTY PRIMIN SIRIK MATAK DURING WHICH HE ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION TRADE AGREEMENT WITH PRG AFTER RECALLING PROMISES MADE TO HIMSELF AND GENERAL LON NOL BY PHAM VON DONG ABOUT RESPECT FOR CAMBODIA AND WITHDRAWAL TROOPS. AS EXAMPLE PRG FAILURE EVEN LIVE UP TO TRADE ACCORD, CITED FACT THAT RKG HAD SEIZED FOUR MILLION RIELS WORTH OF RICE SINCE JANUARY 1970, WHICH BEING SMUGGLED TO VC.

9. WE HAVE FAIRLY STRONG CONFIRMATION THAT LARGE SHIPMENTS DRUGS RECENTLY ARRIVED CAMBODIA FOR PRG HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED TO THEM BY CUSTOMS.

10. THERE IS COMPLETELY UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT A BROTHER OR COUSIN OF LON NOLS WAS RECENTLY KILLED IN RATTANAKIRI, WHICH MIGHT HAVE SOME INFLUENCE HIS SUPPORT PRESENT STEPS.

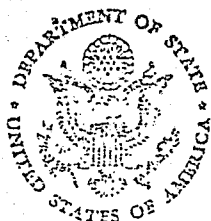
11. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR INFORMS THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONMIN RE PROTECTION HIS MISSION AND LEFT PLEASED FOLLOWING MEETING DURING WHICH PHURISSARA ASSURED HIM THAT HE HAD HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EVENTS WHICH "WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF RKG"

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12. FRENCH VIEW IS THAT SIHANOUK NOT BEHIND DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER CURRENT EVENTS. THEY BELIEVE THESE LARGELY WORK OF ~~WHO WISHED PREPARE SITUATION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SIHANOUK TO PROMISE TOO MUCH IN HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW AND PEKING, IN OTHER WORDS TIE HIS HANDS. UPON HIS RETURN, THEY FORESEE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH RKG WHICH WILL END WITH SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE. (COMMENT: FRENCH REASONING QUITE POSSIBLE THOUGH WE ARE NOT CONVINCED SIHANOUK AS INNOCENT AT ALL THAT. WE DO AGREE WITH IDEA OF PROBABLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN HIM AND RKG).~~ BI, ED
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13. DESPITE CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENTS OVER AFVN RE TEARING APART OF F-NOM PENH, THIS IS NOT TRUE. THERE MAY STILL BE A FEW SCATTERED CASES OF ATTACKS ON PARTICULAR STORES OR HOMES BUT THESE INCIDENTS APPEAR BE FAIRLY WELL DIRECTED AND AIMED AT PERSONS STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF PRO-NVN/VC ACTIVITIES OR OF CORRUPTION SOME SORT.

WE UNDERSTAND, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THERE WAS A SLIGHT DISTURBANCE AT THE HAK LY TRUCKING COMPANY ON MARCH 12 AND THAT AS RESULT ALL THEIR TRUCKS HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW.

14. AS ONE REVIEWS DEVELOPMENTS AND POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION BY BOTH SIDES (RKG-NVN/VC), ONE THING WHICH STRIKES ATTENTION IS FACT THAT, IF RKG SO WANTS IT, CAMBODIANS HAVE WIPED SLATE CLEAN AS CONCERNS AGREEMENTS, ETC WITH NVN/VC. IN MOST WAYS EXCEPT MILITARY CONFRONTATION, RKG IN STRONGEST POSITION WITH MILITARY SERIOUSLY HURT NVN/VC BY CUTTING SUPPLY ROUTES, IMPEDING MOVEMENT AND OBSTRUCTION SUPPLIES LOCALLY. THEREFORE, WHILE CAMBODIA MAY WELL AGREE RENEW MANY IF NOT ALL ARRANGEMENTS, IT APPEARS IN POSITION OBTAIN CONCESSIONS.
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